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## Office of the Mayor

August 2, 2011

Federal Communications Commission  
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: WT 11-65—In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsch Telekom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations**

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

When my family and I first moved to Venice, Florida (near Sarasota), we were part of a population boom. Today, our city is home to many seasonal residents and retirees. In fact, over 60 percent of our residents are age 60 or older. One of the ways we hope to control health care costs for our aging population is by utilizing technology to help them manage their care.

People often have difficulty reaching their doctor about a medical question and end up heading to the Emergency Room for an answer. Access to telemedicine would provide another, more cost effective, less time consuming resource for assistance. This service would provide seniors with vital information that could provide them piece of mind.

The City of Venice is excited about the opportunity to see expanded use of telemedicine due to the merger of T-Mobile and AT&T. The strength of these combined companies would make high speed mobile broadband more accessible and reliable. This accessibility would allow people to immediately connect with a doctor who can monitor their condition and access their medical records online. Telemedicine is also a viable tool for controlling the cost of health care, especially in rural communities.

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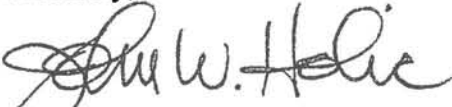
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AT&T wants to improve its coverage and service, and sees this merger as the best opportunity to do so. I support this merger because I believe it will positively impact families, businesses, and our elderly.

I urge you to grant your consent to this merger.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John W. Holic  
Mayor, City of Venice

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cc     The Honorable Bill Nelson  
         The Honorable Marco Rubio  
         The Honorable Vern Buchanan